GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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GROWTH RATE OF INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the growth of the export of the industrial goods for the last two years and the current year;

(b) the impact on the employment opportunities in the country particularly in the State of Karnataka; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to help the export-oriented industries to achieve and sustain a higher growth rate?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.227 FOR ANSWER ON 8TH AUGUST, 2006 REGARDING "GROWTH RATE OF INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS "

(a) The details of value and percentage growth in exports of industrial goods (by major sectors) for the last two years are given below. Sector-wise information for the current year is not available.

Commodities	Exports(US $ Million)	Percentage Change over previous year	
	2004-05	2005-06(P)	2004-05 2005-06
Ores & Minerals	5079	6189	114.4 21.9
Leather & Mfrs.	2422	2626	12.0 8.4
Gems & Jewellery	13762	15547	30.2 13.0
Sports goods	102	132	3.0 29.4
Chem. & Related prdts.	13164	15514	32.2 17.9
Engineering goods	15383	19169	46.3 24.6
Electronic goods	1890	2244	4.7 18.7
Projects goods	75	135	-10.7 80.0
Textiles	12918	15206	5.8 17.7
Handicrafts	377	410	-24.6 8.8
Carpets	636	829	8.5 30.3
Petroleum Products.	6989	11515	95.9 64.8
Unclassified Exports	2263	3011	20.3 33.1

(P)- Provisional data

(b) No firm estimates of employment generated through exports are available. However, as per the findings of a study conducted by the Research & Information System for Non-Aligned Countries (RIS) on employment generation through exports, the total employment of about 16 million was generated through exports during the year 2004-05 of which 9 million was direct employment and 7 million was indirect employment.

(c) Export Promotion is a constant endeavour of the Government. A number of initiatives have been taken recently to further boost exports. These inter-alia include bringing into force the SEZ Act 2005 with effect from 10th February,2006, giving a major thrust to procedural simplification to reduce transaction cost of exporters and signing regional trade agreements to leverage exports in line with India's comparative advantage. Besides, a number of fresh initiatives have been taken in the Foreign Trade Policy (2006-07), which include, Focus Product scheme, Focus Market scheme, Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojna, Duty Free Import Authorisation Scheme and a number of measures for Gems & Jewellery sector. The Government also provides assistance to exporters for development of new export markets.